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War Memorial Park revamp draws flak

Ex-servicemen oppose MCC's plan for recreational facilities at solemn site

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has launched a Rs. 1 crore project to redevelop a park near the War Memorial at the NCC Parade Grounds, close to the old Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office. However, the move has sparked opposition from the ex-servicemen community.

The project, located adjacent to the city's War Memorial, has drawn criticism from the Ex-Servicemen's Association. While members have welcomed efforts to restore the neglected park, they have objected to the inclusion of recreational features such as an amphitheatre, which is purely focused on entertainment. The park had remained in a dilapidated condition for several months. After the DC's Office was shifted to Siddarthanagar, the area reportedly became prone to unauthorised activities due to a lack of monitoring.

Rs. 1 crore project

To address this, the MCC has prepared a detailed plan, under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), to develop the nearly 22,798 sq. mts. park with walking paths, Memorial paving, display platforms and designated leisure spaces.

(See MEMORIAL on page 6)

Minister D. Sudhakar continues to be critical

CM, Dy.CM enquire his health condition with doctors

Bengaluru, Apr. 27- The health condition of D. Sudhakar, Minister for Planning and Statistics, who is undergoing treatment at Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) Hospital in Bengaluru, continues to be critical, according to sources.

D. Sudhakar

Sudhakar, who underwent a knee surgery at Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru a week ago, suffered from lung infection post-operation, following which he was shifted to KIMS, where he is in the ICU with ventilator support, it is learnt.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar visited KIMS Hospital yesterday. He met Sudhakar's family members and doctors and enquired about his health condition. CM Siddaramaiah also visited Sudhakar at the hospital on Saturday and discussed his health with family members and doctors.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

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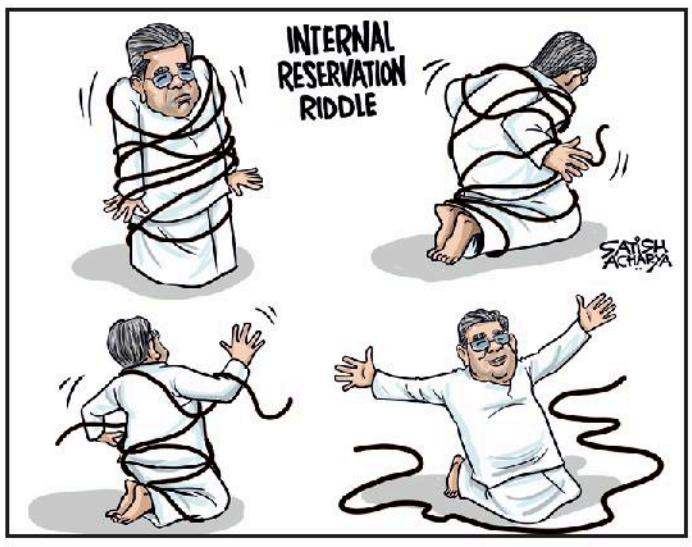
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

FINDING THE PATH OF HAPPINESS: ***All pleasures do not translate into happiness. Consuming alcohol may give us transient pleasure, but it cannot be banked upon for enduring happiness. We may indulge our taste buds, but at the cost of our health. Being the source of ephemeral pleasure, addictions do not sustain happiness. The inappropriate ways of getting stimulation and titillation may ultimately result in agony.***

The primary ingredients of happiness are peace and contentment, empathy and compassion, good health and healthy relationships. A person who loves and begets love radiates happiness. Happiness exudes from not feeling inferior or superior to anyone, as everyone is unique. It emanates from contributing, from service to others. It is derived from living in harmony with nature. The sunshine, the moon, the breeze, the rainfall and the snowfall give us unadulterated happiness.

Anger, anxiety, stress, fear — all these negative feelings diminish our happiness. Emancipation from despondency and cynicism innately carries us to the realm of happiness.

By default, the state of our existence is imbued with happiness. But along the journey of life, our happiness gets corroded by discord, prejudice, fear, competition and worries. Reverse transition from negativity to positivity leads to a path of happiness.

Toxicity might give transient pleasures. The more toxicity in life, the less will be the happiness. Toxicity affects us on two levels — physical and emotional. For tackling toxicity, we must not only eschew toxic foods and noxious content but also detox ourselves on a regular basis.

We can reduce intake of toxicity if we shun consumption of sugar and alcoholic and caffeinated beverages and regulate exposure to social media. On the other hand, consumption of plenty of water, physical exercises and meditative practices are recommended for detoxification.

Maintaining balance in everything we do also leads to happiness. The analogy of a single tap having two knobs — one for hot water and another for cold water — will appropriately exemplify balance. It requires a balancing act to open both the knobs to such levels which let the desired level of heated water flow from the tap.

— Chander Gupta in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Corpse flower blooms again drawing crowds

Massachusetts: A rare corpse flower has bloomed again at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and as always, the smell is the main attraction.

The plant, known as Amorphophallus titanum and nicknamed "Pangy," is famous for one thing, it smells like rotting flesh. And yet, people are still lining up to experience it.

Visitors described the scent as rotting eggs, a dead bird, a compost pile, even a diaper left out in the sun. One student said it "genuinely smelled like rotting flesh," which is exactly what the plant is designed to mimic.

The bloom itself is rare and short-lived. The corpse flower can take years to bloom, and when it finally does, it lasts only a few days before collapsing. That narrow window is what turns it into a crowd event.

Ultra-rare split-coloured lobster caught

Cape Cod: A lobster fishing boat off the coast of Cape Cod landed an extremely rare split-colour lobster, which officials said is considered a 1 in 50 million catch.

The Wellfleet Shellfish Company said the fishing vessel Timothy Michael discovered the lobster with rare half-and-half colouring on April 16.

The company decided to donate the lobster to the Woods Hole Science Aquarium, where it will live out the rest of its life and be viewable by the public.

The lobster is currently in the care of the Marine Biological Laboratory of NOAA Fisheries in Woods Hole, Mass., until renovations at the aquarium are finished.

"Split lobsters like this are extraordinarily rare — caused by unique genetic variations that create their striking half-and-half colouring," Wellfleet said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Care That Connects

During pregnancy, care may involve scans, lab tests and monitoring of blood pressure or sugar levels. When these are coordinated well, it supports smoother care and better outcomes.

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Dr. Rajkumar Kala Seva Ratna Awards presented

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (GA&BS)- As part of thespian actor Dr. Rajkumar's 98th birth anniversary celebrations on Apr. 24, 'Dr. Rajkumar Kala Seva Ratna' awards were presented to art patrons at Patrakarthara Bhavana in the city.

Dr. Rajkumar Musical Group presented the awards to former District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, C. Raju, M. Manjunath, Ashwini Shastry, Omkar Anand, Krishna, Srinath, M. Ramesh and Mayur.

As part of the celebrations, free eye check-up camp, singing by amateur singers, mass feeding and several other programmes, had been organised on Apr. 26 (Sunday) from morning till evening, at Jaganmohan Palace.

Founder of Dr. Rajkumar Musical Group B.S. Jayaramu Raju, Ganesh Bhat, Suresh, Sudheendra, Latha Balakrishna and Anita were present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **95.22 feet**	Today's level **2,258.14 feet**	Today's level **2,827.48 feet**
Last year's level **96.47 feet**	Last year's level **2,265.06 feet**	Last year's level **2,832.05 feet**
Yesterday's level **95.78 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,258.30 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,827.51 feet**
Today's Inflow **67 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **144 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **196 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,412 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Sharks are older than trees, with fossil evidence indicating sharks appeared over 400-450 million years ago, predating the first trees (roughly 350-370 million years ago) by at least 50-100 million years.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Bank Manager asks Santa in an interview:
"What is cyclone?"
Santa: *"It is the loan given to purchase a cycle!!"*

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1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.66
1 Euro	= Rs. 110.57

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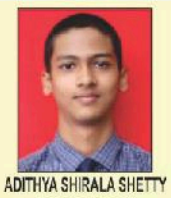
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NEWS BRIEFS

Mysuru Zoo Open on Tuesday

Mysuru Zoo and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open for public on Tuesday (Apr. 28) on account of summer holidays to the Educational Institutions, according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

Health Talk on Homeopathy

As part of the monthly series of Health Talk, Elder Citizens Council has organised a lecture on the topic 'medication through homeopathy medicines for senior citizens' by Dr. Abhijith, on May 4 at 5 pm at Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavan, Elder Citizens Council premises in Jayalakshmipuram. Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraju will preside. For details, contact Secretary K.S. Krishna on Mob: 9980412406.

Appointed

Md. Sabeer

Mohammad Sabeer, a resident of 13th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Rajivnagar, 2nd Stage in city, has been appointed as the State Secretary of KPCC Labour Cell. He can be contacted on Mob: 96063-54179.

Ph.D awardees

Jayasheela has been awarded Ph.D in Physical Education and Sport Science by the Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura, for her thesis 'Impact of Physical Education on Psycho-Social, Academic and Physical Fitness Variables with Reference to School Children' submitted under the guidance of Prof. Rajkumar P. Malipatil.

Prajna Seetharam Rai has been awarded Ph.D in Mathematics by the JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Some Studies on Geodesic Based Properties of Graphs' submitted under the guidance of Dr. P.S.K. Reddy.

R. Arun has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Sunandha Prakasha Kadame Avara Sahitya' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Vijayakumari S. Karikal.

Western Ghats crucial for water security: Dr. T.V. Ramachandra

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (PM&BCT)- Effective management of watershed regions in tune with the environment can significantly enhance agricultural productivity and even double farmers' income, said Senior Scientist Dr. T.V. Ramachandra.

He was delivering a Technical Talk on 'Ecologically Sensitive Regions in the Western Ghats: Conservation for Intergenerational' at the World Earth Day programme organised by the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, in association with tAct, Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru and Jiv, Mysuru, at IEI on JLB Road in Mysuru last evening.

Dr. Ramachandra is the Coordinator of Energy and Wetlands Research Group (EWRG), Convener of the Environmental Information System (ENVIS) at the Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES), Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru.

Referring to PM Narendra Modi's emphasis on doubling farmers' income, he said the target is achievable through scientific watershed management.

"Where native vegetation is preserved, soil retains more water, leading to improved yields. Farmers need not depend on subsidies of Rs. 10,000, as their income can increase three to four times through better productivity," he explained.

He, however, expressed concern over delays in implementation, attributing them to a lingering colonial mindset among sections of the bureaucracy. "Colonial rulers exploited natural resources without concern. Unfortunately, that attitude persists, affecting efforts aimed at public welfare," he observed.

Drawing from his research in Western Ghats, Dr. Ramachandra noted that regions with native forest cover ensure perennial water flow in streams and rivers. In contrast, areas dominated by monoculture plantations witness water availability for only 6-8 months, while regions with less than 30% forest cover have water only during the rainy season. He stressed the need for immediate environmental protection measures to safeguard clean air and water for future generations.

IEI Mysuru Chairman H.S. Suresh Babu presided over the programme. Committee Member Krishnaprasad and Programme Convener S. Shivaprasad were also present.

IISc. Senior Scientist Dr. T.V. Ramachandra speaking at IEI Mysuru on JLB Road in city last evening as IEI Mysuru Chairman H.S. Suresh Babu, Committee Member Krishnaprasad and Programme Convener S. Shivaprasad look on.

'Year-round access to water increases productivity'

Farmers in regions with year-round water availability can grow up to three crops annually and earn as much as Rs. 1.54 lakh per acre, while those in degraded watershed areas, where water is available for only six to eight months, are limited to a single crop and an income of about Rs. 32,000 per acre, said Senior Scientist Dr. T.V. Ramachandra of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.).

He explained that crop yields are closely linked to forest cover in watershed regions. "In areas with forests, paddy yields range between 14 and 18 quintals per acre, compared to just 6 to 8 quintals in regions without forest cover. Forest ecosystems also support pollinators, which further improve productivity," he noted.

Dr. Ramachandra stressed the need to instil environmental awareness among children and future generations. "Protecting forests and watersheds is not just about ecology, but also about ensuring sustainable livelihoods for farmers and securing clean air and water for the future," he said.

HOPCOMS to set up more outlets in city

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (MTY&DM)- In a bid to expand its business and consumer outreach, the District HOPCOMS (Horticultural Produce Co-operative Marketing Society) has planned to establish 30 more outlets in city and district.

Currently, the HOPCOMS has 30 outlets in the city, out of which 16 have been temporarily shut down on account of staff shortage. Now, the HOPCOMS, taking note of rising public demand for its quality Horticultural products, mainly fruits and vegetables, plans to set up 30 more outlets across the city, by recruiting staff on contract basis.

HOPCOMS, which directly procures fresh fruits and vegetables from farmers on a daily basis, is currently selling 7-8 tons of Horticultural produce on an average per day, with a total transaction about Rs. 5 lakh daily. Buoyed by the rising popularity, the HOPCOMS has proposed to set up its proposed new outlets in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) or Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) premises.

As a first step in this regard, identification of shops, measuring at least 10'x15' in area, belonging to MCC or MDA has begun.

The HOPCOMS outlet near Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle) in city.

Mysuru District HOPCOMS President B.P. Boregowda said that HOPCOMS has been selling quality and fresh fruits and vegetables to consumers for decades at reasonable prices.

Pointing out that HOPCOMS has been able to retain its costumers due to consistent maintenance of quality and freshness, he said that the identification of appropriate and adequate space for the setting up of 30 new outlets is underway.

"The HOPCOMS has decided to renovate the existing old outlets at a cost of Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1 lakh each, with the intention of giving a hi-tech look in keeping with the modern day trends. HOPCOMS has received a grant of Rs. 30 lakh for the purpose, which will be utilised judiciously for the renovation of all outlets," Boregowda said adding that it has also been planned to sell HOPCOMS popular bottled grape juice at all its outlets, which has become a popular brand of HOPCOMS, going by the growing number of consumers.

Hosahundi Raghu, a former HOPCOMS President, said that it has been planned to submit a memorandum to the Government seeking exclusive (sole agency) rights to HOPCOMS for supplying fruits and vegetables to schools & hostels and the requirements of all other concerned Government Departments. A delegation of HOPCOMS would soon meet CM Siddaramaiah in this regard, he added.

Sringeri Assembly Segment

Re-counting of postal ballots on May 2

Chikkamagalur, Apr. 27- Following a High Court order, the Chikkamagalur District Administration will take up re-counting of postal ballots concerning Sringeri Assembly Segment of the district on May 2.

T.D. Rajegowda of the Congress had defeated his nearest rival D.N. Jeevraj of the BJP by a slender margin of 201 votes in the 2023 Assembly elections from Sringeri Constituency. In the polls, 2,811 postal ballots were cast, out of which 279 votes were declared invalid.

Subsequently, the defeated BJP candidate D.N. Jeevaraj, taking strong objection to the rejection of 279 votes, moved the High Court seeking a re-count of the postal ballots.

The HC, which heard the petition on Apr. 6, directed the authorities to take up re-counting of the postal ballots. Now, the District Administration has set May 2 as the date of re-counting.

VOICE OF THE READER

Delay in auctioned MDA site registration

Sir,

The delay in registration of sites allotted through the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) e-auction held in August 2025 has become a matter of concern for successful bidders.

Several months after the auction, the registration process is yet to be completed, causing inconvenience and uncertainty among allottees. Many of them have already fulfilled all required formalities and made payments on time.

However, there is little clarity from the MDA on the reasons for the delay or the expected timeline for completion, leaving bidders in a state of confusion.

I urge the MDA Commissioner to address the issue and take necessary steps to expedite the registration process at the earliest.

—Kartik Sooji

Mysuru
26.4.2026

Health, Innovation, Leadership: CFTRI salutes women

CSIR-CFTRI house-keeping staff, who was honoured, seen with** (from left) **guests Dr. C.M. Parameshwara, Dr. P. Deepa, Dr. Giridhar Parvatam and Dr. Pushpa S. Murthy.

Mysuru, Apr. 27- CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, brought together scientists, staff members and students to recognise the achievements and contributions of women in science and society recently.

Dr. P. Deepa, Director, Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute, Mysuru, was the chief guest while Dr. C.M. Parameshwara, CEO and Founder of Smiles Hospital, Bengaluru, was the guest of honour.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Deepa emphasised the importance of empowering women through education, skill development and opportunities in research and innovation.

Highlighting the strength and resilience of women, she remarked that "Calm is Power," noting that the inner strength of women enables them to make remarkable contributions in their professional careers while managing responsibilities at home.

She also stated that the "Rhythm of Home is the Rhythm of the Nation," emphasising that the harmony, motivation and dedication of women within families play a crucial role in the progress and development of the nation.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Parameshwara highlighted the importance of health and well-being among women. He stressed the need for regular medical care, mental well-being and maintaining a balanced lifestyle. He observed that empowering women also includes ensuring their physical and emotional health.

Expressing concern over the prevalence of female foeticide in India, he called for greater awareness and societal responsibility.

He also advised caution in the consumption of antibiotics, noting that antibiotic resistance among women is becoming a growing concern in the country. While discussing food and nutrition, he introduced the concept of "KYC — Know Your Consumption," encouraging individuals to be mindful of their dietary choices.

In his presidential remarks, Dr. Giridhar Parvatam, Director of CSIR-CFTRI, acknowledged the invaluable contributions of women scientists and staff at CFTRI.

He noted that the institute actively encourages research on natural formulations rich in minerals and vitamins aimed at improving women's health at various life stages, including pregnancy and lactation.

He also highlighted the achievements of several women entrepreneurs in the food sector who have benefited from food technology innovations and training initiatives. Dr. Pushpa S. Murthy, Chief Scientist welcomed. Crassina Kasar, Principal Scientist, proposed a vote of thanks.

Now, Endobronchial Ultrasound technology at Manipal Hospitals in Mysuru

Consultant - Pulmonology Dr. R. Lakshmi Narasimhan addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city recently as** (from left) **Manipal Hospital Director B.J. Sandeep Patel, patient Thayamma, Associate Consultant - Pulmonology Dr. K. Spurthi and Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeon & Chief of Medical Services Dr. Upendra Shenoy look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (KS)- In a significant step towards respiratory care in the region, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru, highlighted the impact of Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) through a real patient success story at a press conference held in city recently.

Renowned Pulmonologists — Consultant - Pulmonology Dr. R. Lakshmi Narasimhan, Associate Consultant - Pulmonology Dr. K. Spurthi and Hospital Director B.J. Sandeep Patel, along with the patient shared her journey from uncertainty to diagnosis.

Fifty-four-year-old Thayamma had been struggling with persistent respiratory symptoms for several months. Despite consulting multiple centres and undergoing several tests, a clear diagnosis remained out of reach, leaving her and her family deeply anxious.

Recalling her experience, Thayamma said, "Even after visiting different hospitals, we still didn't have clear answers. When I came to Manipal Hospital and met Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan, his team guided me at every step. After the procedure, I felt a deep sense of relief knowing we finally had the right diagnosis."

The respiratory team led by Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan, recommended an advanced diagnostic approach using EBUS. The procedure enabled precise, real-time assessment of the affected area and allowed doctors to obtain targeted tissue samples safely. Following the procedure, Thayamma remained stable and is doing well.

Explaining the significance of this technology, Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan said, "Diagnosing conditions in mediastinum has always been challenging. With EBUS, we are able to visualise areas beyond the airway walls and obtain accurate samples in real time. This reduces the need for invasive surgical procedures and helps us arrive at a diagnosis faster and more safely."

He further stated, "In cases where previous investigations have not yielded clear answers, EBUS plays a crucial role. It improves diagnostic accuracy while ensuring patient comfort and safety, helping us initiate the right treatment without unnecessary delays."

Dr. Spurthi said, "EBUS is a minimally invasive procedure that combines bronchoscopy with ultrasound imaging. It allows us to assess lymph nodes, masses and other structures within the chest with high precision. For patients, this means fewer risks, quicker recovery, and access to advanced diagnostics closer to home."

Hospital Director Sandeep Patel said, "EBUS facilitates faster diagnosis and timely initiation of appropriate treatment. With this advanced capability now available in Mysuru, patients can access high-quality care locally, reducing delays and the need to travel to larger cities."

He emphasised that this cutting-edge, minimally invasive diagnostic technology reinforces the hospital's commitment to delivering high precision and patient-centric care.

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War Memorial Park revamp draws flak

Works on paved walkways and landscaping underway at the War Memorial Park near old DC's Office in Mysuru.

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The proposed works include chain-link fencing, a main entrance with a wicket gate, paved walkways, landscaping and a borewell with internal piping for water supply.

The plan also provides for children's play equipment, outdoor gym facilities, 20 benches, 15 dustbins and 40 streetlights.

As part of its environmental measures, the project includes two rainwater harvesting units and the planting of 55 trees. A children's play area with basic equipment such as a slide, swing, see-saw and merry-go-round has also been proposed.

MCC officials said the tender process has been completed and work is progressing, with the park expected to be opened to the public within a month.

A sacred space

However, veterans from the ex-servicemen community have raised concerns over the nature of the development. "The War Memorial is like a temple to us. It is a place of silence and respect," a representative said.

They pointed out that the site will host high-protocol events attended by senior officers from the armed forces and argued that turning the surrounding area into a recreational space would affect its sanctity.

The Ex-Servicemen's Association has decided to submit a representation to the authorities concerned seeking the removal of the recreational components from the War Memorial Project.

Panel discussion on 'Smoke-Free and Healthy Mysuru' held at Bharath Cancer Hospital

Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar, Oncologist, Bharath Hospital & Institute of Oncology (BHIO), seen addressing during panel discussion as Dr. V. Prakash, former CFTRI Director, Pushpavalli, former Deputy Mayor and others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (KS) - To make Mysuru a tobacco-free city within 1,000 days, leading Oncologist Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar, Founder and Chairman of HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd., and Bharath Hospital & Institute of Oncology (BHIO), called for urgent and sustained action combining strict enforcement, public participation and long-term health planning.

Chairing the panel discussion on "Smoke-Free Mysuru, Healthy Mysuru," organised by BHIO, International Human Development and Upliftment Academy (IHDUA) and Antardhavani at BHIO auditorium in city recently, he stressed that laws alone are not enough unless they are implemented consistently and visibly.

He said, "Eliminating tobacco can prevent nearly 40% of health issues" noting that it causes around 2.3 million deaths annually in India and over 8 million globally.

Dr. Ajaikumar emphasised that enforcement must be strengthened through regular inspections, strict penalties and accessible public complaint systems.

Beyond tobacco control, he advocated a holistic urban health approach — promoting walkable streets, cycling infrastructure, green spaces and continuous public awareness campaigns.

Highlighting BHIO's commitment, he announced key initiatives, including cancer screening camps in urban slums in collaboration with authorities, real-time Air Quality Index monitoring and a five-year roadmap to improve Mysuru's public health.

Senior Radiation Oncologist Dr. Vinaykumar Muttagi also spoke. Former CFTRI Director Dr. V. Prakash called for a "Quit Tobacco" movement, while farmers' leader Manju Kiran stated that a tobacco farmer's intention is never to harm society and they choose this crop because it provides a reliable, fixed income.

Enforcement Officer S. Gopinath said strict action under tobacco laws, with monthly penalties ranging from Rs. 1.5 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh should be collected from violators. Cancer survivors Mahadev and Nagaraj called upon the people to never use tobacco.

Former Deputy Mayor Pushpavalli, senior journalists Laiqh Khan and C.J. Rajeeva also gave valuable inputs.

Gowtham Dhamerla (COO, BHIO), Antardhwani Chief Mission Officers Rahul Nandan and S. Seethalakshmi and IHDUA Programme Head N. Madhu were present.

Graduation Ceremony at St. Philos

Mysuru, Apr. 27- The Graduation Ceremony of St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Mysuru, will be held tomorrow (Apr. 28) at 10 am at the Indoor Stadium of the College campus.

Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Diocese of Mysore and President of MDES, will preside.

Chief guest, Prof. U. Dinesh Kumar, Director, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, will deliver the Graduation Address.

The event will witness honouring of 35 UG Rank holders (2022-2025 batch), awarding of 52 UG institutional scholarships to meritorious students (2025-2026 batch) and granting the T. Thumboochetty-sponsored Scholarships for 3 outstanding UG students of 2022-2025 batch.

Veterans seek park redesign to preserve War Memorial dignity

President of Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Association and a member of the War Memorial Committee K.P. Diwakar (left) and Ex-Serviceman and Senior KAS Officer C.L. Anand, who is also the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) at Chikkaballapur Medical College, inspecting the War Memorial site yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (MTY&BCT)- K.P. Diwakar, President of Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Association and a member of the War Memorial Committee, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, said the Association would launch a formal protest demanding that the Rs. 1 crore park project be revised to preserve the dignity of martyred soldiers.

"The MCC must immediately suspend the work. The present plan is wholly inappropriate for a site that is a temple of sacrifice. Entertainment-oriented features will disturb the solemnity required for a memorial that hosts high-protocol events attended by senior military and civil officials," he said.

Diwakar also raised technical concerns over the proposed installation of heavy military equipment such as tanks and artillery guns.

He pointed out that the existing concrete foundations laid by the MCC may not be structurally adequate to bear such loads. The Association has sought a high-level meeting with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) to review and redesign the project.

He suggested an alternative plan that focuses on maintaining the sanctity of the site, including construction of a proper compound wall and development of a quiet garden with walking paths, while removing all play equipment and other recreational features.

"While we have no objection to a fountain for aesthetic purpose, the idea of a recreational hub must be dropped. If the project is not modified to uphold the honour of the site, we will be compelled to intensify our protest," he warned.

NIMHANS-like hospital plan on green belt faces protest

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (MTY&BCT)- Environmentalists and farmers have strongly opposed the Karnataka Government's decision to set up a NIMHANS-like hospital on land in Survey Numbers 60, 68 and 8 in Gudamadanahalli in Varuna hobli of Mysuru taluk, urging authorities to identify an alternative site.

The proposed hospital, planned with state-of-the-art facilities, is expected to cater to the healthcare needs of Mysuru and neighbouring districts, including Mandya, Hassan and Kodagu.

Yesterday morning, environmental activists visited the protest site where local farmers have been staging demonstrations against the project. They interacted with residents and urged the Govt. to drop plans to construct the hospital on agricultural land.

Moisture-rich land

Retired Major General S.G. Vombatkere said, the farmland in Gudamadanahalli is highly fertile and forms part of a crucial green belt. "The move to build a hospital here is condemnable. Protecting green zones is essential and the project must be shifted to a more suitable location," he said.

Wetland expert U.N. Ravikumar pointed out that moisture-rich land is ideal for agriculture. "Large-scale construction here is inappropriate. The hospital should come up elsewhere," he said.

Activist Parashuramegowda of 'Parisarakkaagi Naavu' organisation stressed that preserving existing green zones is critical. "Creating new green cover is difficult. Building on fertile farmland is unacceptable," he said.

Hosakote Basavaraju of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha said, Survey Nos. 60 and 68 together measure about 37 acres, of which nearly 20 acres have been earmarked for the hospital. "Farmers dependent on this land will be displaced and the remaining 17 acres are also being diverted for other purposes. This is unjust," he said.

Farmers also highlighted that the land produces green fodder vital for dairy farming. Local women run a milk cooperative and fodder from the area is supplied to Mysuru Zoo, Pinjrapole Society and even Dasara elephants.

"If the hospital is built here, both dairy farmers and livestock will suffer," said farmer leader P. Maramkaiah.

The protest saw participation from several activists and local leaders, including Leela Shivakumar, Umesh Kumar, Mahesh, Mahadevamma, Geetha and others.

Mysuru bizmen seek stronger export via Mangaluru Port

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (PM&BCT)- In a bid to boost import-export activity from Mysuru and Nanjangud, business leaders held a joint meeting with representatives of the New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA) — formerly New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT) — and the Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

At the meeting held at a private hotel on Saturday, NMPA Chairman Sushil Kumar Singh assured full support for trade growth in the region. He outlined ongoing infrastructure development at the port, future expansion plans, and customer-focused initiatives to support businesses in southern Karnataka.

Stating that Mangaluru Port is a transparent and cost-effective option, he said, it is well-suited for importers and exporters from the Mysuru region.

NMPA Traffic Manager K. Rajendra Kumar highlighted the port's role in expanding trade across Karnataka and beyond, while Customs Commissioner P. Vineetha Shekhar stressed the need for coordinated efforts to improve trade facilitation and ease of doing business.

Delegates from the Mysuru and Nanjangud business community were briefed on growth opportunities, partnerships and the port's expanding logistics and maritime capacity.

MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju underlined the importance of port-led industrial growth. "Mysuru is not just a tourism hub but is emerging as a software centre. Local entrepreneurs must take advantage of the New Mangalore Port, one of Karnataka's key gateways to global markets," he said.

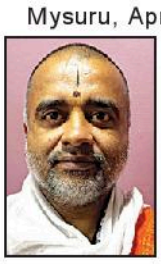
He noted that Mysuru has also developed into a hub for IT, education and food processing, while Nanjangud has attracted major investments in pharmaceuticals, chemicals and manufacturing.

"With stronger port connectivity, exports will increase, logistics costs will come down and new employment opportunities will be created," he added.

The meeting also saw interactions between industry representatives and officials on trade facilities, connectivity and future collaboration.

Among those present were Dinesh Kumar, Director at the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, S. Shanthi, Vice-Chairperson, NMPA and H.C. Balachandra, CEO, Karnataka Maritime Board.

Selected for Udupi Mutt's Natl. Award



Acharya

Mysuru, Apr. 27- The city's Abhrumni Gurukula's Vidwan Bemmathi Vijayendra Acharya is among the three Vidwans selected for the prestigious Annual National Award given by Udupi's Sri Bhandarakeri Mutt.

The two other awardees are Pandit Chitaguppa Padmanabha Acharya of Hyderabad and Vidwan Nagasampige Raghothama Acharya of Bagalkot.

Vidwan Bemmathi Vijayendra Acharya, who learnt his scholarly education at Poornaprajna Vidyapeetha in Bengaluru, later came to Mysuru along with his wife and established Abhrumni Gurukula at Jayanagar in the city for imparting Vedic and cultural education to female students.

Considering his Vedic services, Sri Bhandarakeri Mutt has selected him for 'Sri Rajavidyamaanya' award. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 and a citation.

Vijayendra Acharya will be conferred the award at Vedavyasa Jayanti celebrations to be held at Kote Mukhyaprana Devara Gudi in Raichur at 5 pm tomorrow (Apr. 28).

Elderly man assaulted and murdered; accused arrested

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (PM&KS)- An elderly man, who was grazing his flock of sheep, was brutally assaulted resulting in him sustaining serious injuries and was admitted to a hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

The deceased has been identified as Ningegowda (71), a resident of Galigarahundi village in the taluk and the accused is 60-year-old Chandrashekar, a resident of Ittigegud in Mysuru city.

In his death statement, which has been recorded by Mysuru South Police, Ningegowda has stated that on Apr. 23 at about 4.30 pm, when he was tending to his flock, Chandrashekar, who came to the spot, told him not to graze his sheep in his field and picked up a quarrel, abused him (Ningegowda) using foul language, hit him on the leg on the blunt side of a machete and assaulted him with a stick. The Cops, after recording his statements, have registered a case.

Ningegowda was admitted to a hospital by his son Kumar, where he succumbed to injuries on Saturday evening.

Mysuru South Police, who arrested accused Chandrashekar, have handed him over to Judicial Custody.

Woman among others injured as ambulance hits car

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (PM&KS)- A woman sustained a fracture to her left shoulder while others sustained injuries when an ambulance rammed into their car near B.C. Lingaiah Circle on KRS Road here on Friday evening.

The woman, who suffered a fracture, is 26-year-old C.G. Ananya, an Engineer by profession and a resident of Dhatrinagar in Srirangapatna.

In her complaint, Ananya has stated that she, her brother Abhinav and their relatives were proceeding in their car (KA-09-MC-9534) from a relative's house in Bannimantap and when they were proceeding near B.C. Lingaiah Circle, an ambulance (KA-53-A-2206), driven in a negligent manner, which came from Akashvani Circle side, rammed into their car which was being driven by her brother Abhinav.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

Teacher shoots self to death

Rohini

Madikeri, Apr. 27 (KS)- A teacher ended her life by shooting self to death at Bengoor, coming under Bhagamandala Police limits yesterday.

The deceased teacher is Anjapanda Rohini (51), a resident of Bengoor, near Cherambane, who was serving as a teacher at Cherambane Govt. Model Primary School.

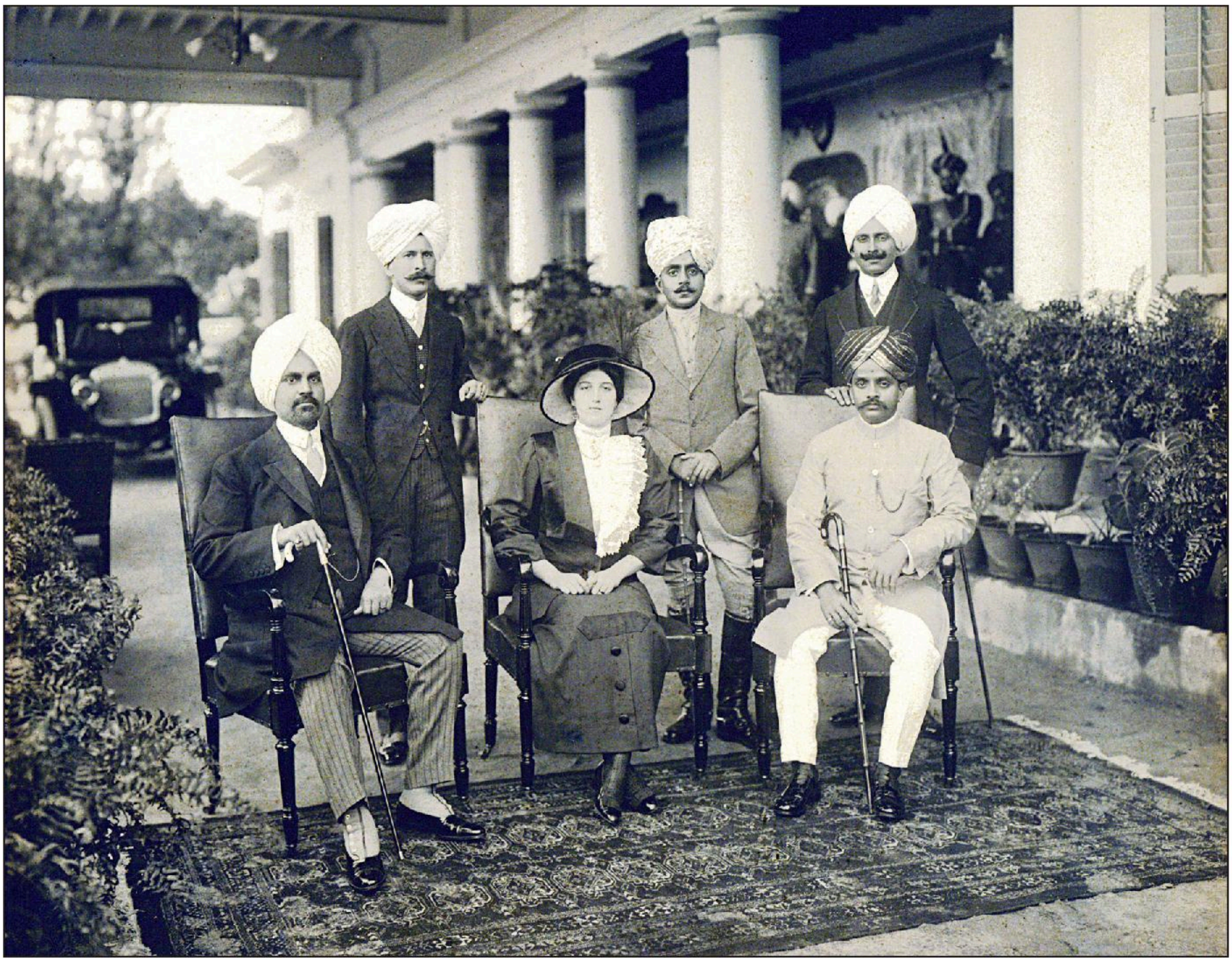
Rohini shot herself with a single barrel gun at about 5 am yesterday and her husband Karumbaiah, who was sleeping in the adjacent room, rushed out on hearing the gun shot only to see his wife Rohini lying dead in a pool of blood.

Based on the complaint from Karumbaiah, Bhagamandala Police, who registered a case, conducted mahazar, shifted the body to the District Hospital for post-mortem besides seizing the single barrel gun.

Post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members. It is learnt that Rohini was depressed and hence she took the extreme step while a few others said despite teaching pressure, she was deployed for census. Depressed over it, she ended her life.

Vintage Vignettes

... from a Princely State



By R.G. Singh

Secretary, Ramsons Kala Pratishtana

An undated group photograph shot at an unidentified location. Seated on the left is Col. Maharaja Sir Jagatjit Singh Sahib Bahadur (1872-1949) of Kapurthala who was the last ruling Maharaja (r. 1877 to 1949) of the princely State. He was an elegant globe-trotting aesthete and an ardent Francophile.

Seated on his left is Rani Prem Kaur Sahiba (nee Anita Delgado 1890-1962) who was his fifth wife whom he married at Paris in 1908. She was a Spanish flamenco dancer and singer.

On to her left is H.H. Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV. Both Maharajas have chains dangling out of their coat pocket which might have had a pocket watch at the other end. Standing in the centre is H.H. Yuvaraja Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wadiyar flanked by two unidentified gentlemen. In the 1920s and 1930s, young men of aristocratic background clutched aesthetically created walking sticks, as a fashion statement, with carved handles made from ivory, rhino horn, silver, etc. In this picture, four out of the five gentlemen flaunt walking sticks.

Many moons after this photograph was taken, Rani Prem Kaur Sahiba was divorced from the Maharaja and her personal effects including precious jewels being transported from India on board the ship SS Persia sank en route to France.

[Size: 27.5x23 cms; Collection: Ramsons Kala Pratishtana]

Elected to Mysuru Bunts Sangha and Bunts Charitable Trust

Mysuru, Apr. 27- The Annual General Meeting of the Bunts Sangha and Bunts Charitable Trust, Mysuru, was held at Asha Prakash Shetty Bunts Convention Hall, Bunts Bhavan in city recently.

During the meeting, the new office-bearers of the Sangha were elected unanimously.

K. Ganesh Narayan Hegde was elected as President of Mysuru Bunts Sangha while M. Nandyappa Shetty and Ranjith Hegde as Vice-Presidents.

CA Surendra Hegde was elected as Honorary Secretary, Alakarani Shetty & Soumya V. Shetty as Treasurer & Joint Treasurer, respectively; Prameela Shetty and Dr. Vedanth Shetty as Joint Secretaries.

Ganesh Hegde

Surendra Hegde

Suresh Alva

For the Bunts Charitable Trust, P. Suresh Alva was elected as Managing Trustee, while Dr. Jagannath Shetty and Sanjay K. Shetty as Deputy Managing Trustees.

CA Surendra Hegde will also serve as Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of the Trust, with P. Harish Alva and Dr. Prakash Shetty as Joint Secretaries.

A 12-member Executive Committee was also constituted at the Annual General Meeting.

RBNCC 'A' emerges as KSCA Mysuru Zone Division-1 Champions

City's Rao Bahadur Narasappa Cricket Club (RBNCC) 'A' Team emerged as the champions of Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Memorial Trophy for Division 1 organised by KSCA Mysuru Zone for the season 2025-26. Seen in the picture are (standing from left) **B. Dheemanth, Vyshak Nagaraj, K. Gagandeep, L. Manvanth Kumar, Niranjan Balachandar (Team Manager), Medansh Urs, Praneeth Shetty, M.S. Ranjan, Dhyaan Hiremath and D.B. Kushmith;** (sitting from left) **Utham Aiyappa, Kruthik Krishna, K.R. Pavan (Assistant Coach), D. Shankar (President, RBNCC), S. Balachandar (Secretary, RBNCC), M.S. Ravindra (Head Coach), L. Hemanth Kumar (Captain) and S.J. Nikin Jose.**

UoM Women's Kho Kho team shines

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (VNS) - University of Mysore (UoM) Women's Kho Kho team qualified for the All India Inter-University Kho Kho championship after finishing third in the South India Inter-University Kho Kho Championship at Davanagere University recently.

The women's team defeated Calicut University 11-9 in final league match to secure third position and took part in All India Inter-University Kho Kho Championship held from Apr. 14 to 23 at SNDT Women's University at Mumbai. The team lost in the quarter finals.

The team was led by Nagalambika and coached by B.D. Kantharaju. Maharani Arts College for Women Physical Education Director Dr. K.S. Bhaskar was the team manager.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Registrar M.K. Savitha and Department of Physical Education Director (In-charge) Prof. H.C. Revanna Siddappa congratulated the team on its achievement.

Indian U-14 girls team qualify for ITF World Juniors

City's Padmapriya among tennis team members

Seen in the picture are (from left) **Zoha Qureshi, Srishti Kiran and Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar with team coach Asha Sharma.**

Mysuru, Apr. 27 (MTY&VNS)- The Indian U-14 Girls Tennis Team comprising Mysuru's Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar, Srishti Kiran (Karnataka) and Zoha Qureshi (Telangana) has qualified for the ITF World Juniors Tennis Tournament Finals 2026 to be held at Prostejov, Czech Republic, from Aug. 3 to 8.

The team qualified for the world juniors after finishing fourth behind Japan (winners), South Korea (runners-up), China (second runners-up) in the recently held "ITF World Juniors Team Competitions Asia/Oceania - Final Qualifying Event - 2026" at Kuching, Malaysia, yesterday.

A total of 16 girls teams and 16 boys teams from Europe, North America, South/Central America, Africa & Asia - Oceania regions will participate in this Finals and compete for the Junior Championship title as professional players do in Billie Jean King Cup and Davis Cup.

The Indian Girls U-14 team has qualified for ITF World Juniors Tennis Tournament after a gap of 12 years. Indian girls last played this tournament in 2014.

It is a proud moment for Mysuru as Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar achieved this rare feat as part of the Indian team. Daughter of Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, Chief Conservator of Forests (Project Tiger), Mysuru and Dr. Malathi Priya, Chief Conservator of Forests (Chamarajanagar Circle), Padmapriya trains under Coach Raghuveer Ponnuswamy, Pawan and Sagar (fitness coach) in Mysuru. She is a Class 8 student at Excel Public School in city.

Excel in National-level Karate Championship

Karatekas of St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar in city, have excelled in the recently held 32nd National-level Karate Championship at Teresian College Indoor Stadium. Seen in the picture are (standing from left - top row) **Shreesharsha, Pavanishree, Manan, Krishav, Liyan, Saanchi, Siri, Jayasimha, Dhruva, Rahani and Diyan** (standing - middle row) **Yadhush, Mithra, Dhruvith, Saathvik, V. Charvi, Prarthana, Charvi, Chinmaya and Dhanvin;** (front row - from left) **S. Vinisha, Aakaansha, Karthikeya, Principal (Academics) Mary Margaret Nirmala, MDES Treasurer and Correspondent Rev. Fr. Naveen Kumar, Secretary Fr. Edward William Saldana, Principal (Administration) Elizabeth S. Thomas, IMSKA India Chief Coach Hanshi N.G. Sivadas, Maanya, Anvika and Kritvi.***

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TODAY'S MATCH
APRIL 27

DC Vs **RCB**
Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH
APRIL 28

PBKS Vs **RR**
New Intl. Cricket Stadium, New Chandigarh, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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LSG 155/8 (20 overs)
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LOST TO
KKR 4/0

CSK 158/7 (20 overs)
LOST TO
GT 162/2 (16.4 overs)

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WORD OF THE DAY

Arboreal

Pronunciation: ahr-BOR-ee-ul (adjective)
Meaning: Arboreal is a formal and literary word used to describe something that relates to trees. It is also used in technical contexts to mean "living in or often found in trees," as in "arboreal primates."
Origin: Arboreal took root in English in the 17th century, at a time when language influencers were eager to see English take on words from Latin and Greek. Apparently unsatisfied with a now-obsolete adjective treen meaning (as recorded in our Unabridged dictionary) "of, relating to, or derived from trees," they plucked arboreal from the Latin arboreus, meaning "of a tree"; its ultimate root is arbor, meaning "tree." That root arborized—that is, branched freely (to use the term figuratively): English abounds with largely obscure words that trace back to arbor, meaning "tree." Generally synonymous with arboreal are arboraceous, arborary, arboreous, and arborous. Synonymous with arboreal specifically in the sense of "relating to or resembling a tree" are arborescent, arboresque, arborical, and arboriform.
Arboreal is far more common than any of these, but other arbor words also have a firm hold in the language: arborvitae refers to a shrub whose name translates as "tree of life"; arboretum refers to a place where trees are cultivated; and arboriculture is the cultivation of trees. And of course we can't forget Arbor Day, which since 1872 has named a day set aside for planting trees. You'd be forgiven for assuming that the English word arbor, in the sense meaning "a garden shelter of tree boughs or vines twined together," is rooted in the same source as arboreal, but in fact it comes from the Latin noun herba, meaning "herb" or "grass."
Example: "In the saplings' early years, slow growth is the key to arboreal longevity, so the matriarch keeps her offspring in the shade." —Mike Dilger, The Guardian (London), 21 Oct. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Abdominous

Having a paunch or big belly.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Grass is always greener on the other side

Meaning: The phrase 'Grass is always greener on the other side' is used to say about individuals who are never happy with what they have and they constantly ponder if others have it better.
Origin: This idea for this phrase comes from the livestock who, while grazing keep on looking for greener grasslands.
Example: "Our bookkeeper always imagined that the grass is greener on the other side. She quit her job to pursue a legal education. However, she is still trying to find herself in the practice of corporate law."

QUOTE BOX

Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world. **—Archimedes**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

EGG EGG
HAM

Answer: Green eggs and ham.

SUDOKU

		3			8		6	9
9			1			4		2
7								
2	7		8			3		
		4			5		2	6
								5
1		9			4			7
8	3		7			2		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	3	1	5	4	2	8	7	9
2	7	9	1	6	8	3	4	5
8	5	4	9	7	3	6	2	1
7	1	5	6	9	4	2	8	3
9	6	2	8	3	1	7	5	4
4	8	3	2	5	7	1	9	6
5	9	8	3	2	6	4	1	7
1	4	6	7	8	5	9	3	2
3	2	7	4	1	9	5	6	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Amb. attendant
4 Nervy
8 Soft drink
12 SA river ___ Grande
13 "Noel" anagram for a style of weaving?
14 Summit
15 Besides, also
16 Medicine
17 And others, in Latin (2,2)
18 Edge furtively
20 Indicated Airspeed
22 Catch sight of something, in the distance, perhaps
25 Cupid's arrow?
28 Deified force of Algonquian Indians
31 Wilt
33 Egg cells
34 Supplement
36 Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
37 Italian composer - "to sit" anagram
40 Whimsically free-spirited; eccentric; atypical
43 At what time?
44 Exploding star
45 Genetic initials
47 Willow tree
51 Moderate in temperature
54 Light of complexion
57 Dove sound
58 Fencer's blade
59 Indian wheaten flour
60 Spanish queen
61 Reproduced
62 Chess castle
63 Mil. award

DOWN
1 Ages
2 Short skirt
3 ____ Martin : US Tennis star of not so recent past?
4 First born
5 German article
6 African antelope
7 Hindu ascetic
8 Title of ancient Roman emperors
9 Choose or select
10 A tract of open ground, especially a grassland or a meadow
11 Rock musician __ Rose
19 A Hawaiian garland
21 Tack on
23 Edgar Alan ___ : father of modern crime-fiction?
24 NW Canada territory
26 Arrivederci __
27 Implement
28 A witty remark; as in, "bon ___"?
29 Profess
30 Poet Ogden
32 Friend or chum
35 Old name for Tokyo
38 Called or designated
39 Pub, tavern
41 New World Symphony composer
42 Art graduates, abbr.
46 At a great distance
48 Made cooler
49 Long time periods
50 Wander about aimlessly
51 A spider's snare
52 4th month in short
53 Female ruff
55 Start of a vol. 1 heading (1,2)
56 Income Tax Officer, in short?

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

A	H	S	■	R	E	I	D	■	V	O	W
N	I	T	■	I	N	R	E	D	■	I	M	A
U	F	O	■	P	O	S	S	E	■	A	I	D
P	I	L	A	U	■	■	■	M	A	L	T	A
■	■	■	G	P	S	■	T	I	N	■	■	■
V	A	L	E	■	W	H	Y	■	D	I	C	E
E	R	E	■	■	E	A	R	■	■	V	O	N
X	M	A	S	■	A	W	E	■	R	Y	O	T
■	■	■	K	K	R	■	S	L	Y	■	■	■
V	I	N	Y	L	■	■	■	I	A	M	B	I
E	G	O	■	A	C	E	R	B	■	T	I	M
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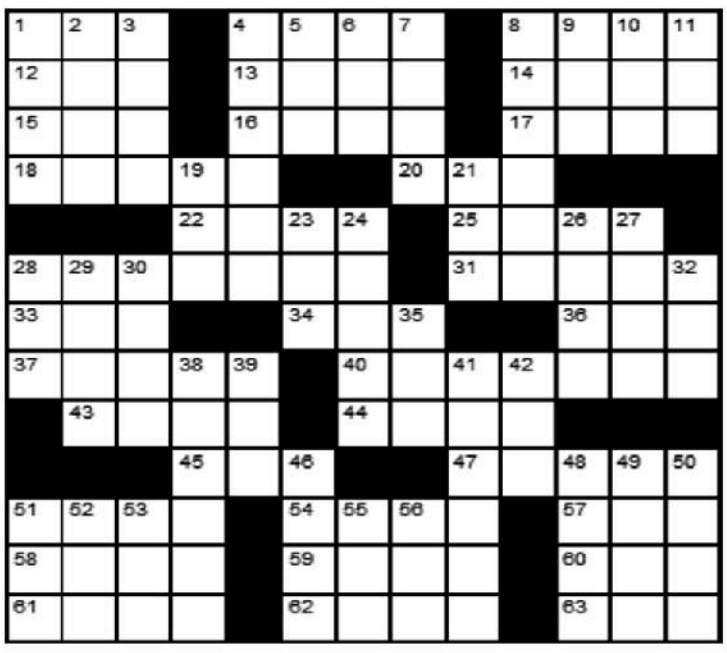

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

R XWNJ FV R CYNFQFSE PFJD ES

BSNFJFXRN BSPYC.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS N

Friday's Cryptoquip: One of the first lessons a president has to learn is that every word he says weighs a ton.

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  Pallichattambi (K) - 2 Shows *Pallichattambi (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Rebel (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Puneeth Nivasa (K) - 4 Showss
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Love Insurance Kompany (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Dacoit (H) - 3 Shows

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Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 7.40 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	(S-1)	4.50 pm
Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Achappa's Album (Ma)	(S-2)	11.35 am
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Ginny Wedss Sunny 2 (H)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 7.25 pm
Amarkkalam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Sankeerthana (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Vaazha2- Biopic of a Billion Bro (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 4.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Amarkkalam (Ta)	:	1.00 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Maayan (Ta)	:	1.30 pm, 4.00 pm
Calendar (H)	:	6.25 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	6.40 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.15 am, 2.05 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.40 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10.55 am, 4.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	12.05 pm, 4.05 pm, 6.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	1.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	:	3.20 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	3.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	6.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	7.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10.00 am, 2.20 pm, 5.40 pm, 10.15 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.45 am, 2.10 pm, 5.35 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11.30 am, 4.00 pm, 6.55 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	1.15 pm
Darling (Te)	:	2.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	7.00 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

Hon. Doctorate conferred on Mysuru-born Cartoonist

Cartoonist B.V. Panduranga Rao** (third from left) **receiving the Hon. Doctorate at the 9th Sahitya Seva Award Presentation Ceremony, held at the Green Lounge, New Delhi, on Apr. 17, as Bollywood Actor Sudesh Berry** (third from right)**, Rao's daughter Suma Prasad** (extreme left) **and others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 27- Mysuru-born noted Cartoonist B.V. Panduranga Rao was awarded the prestigious Hon. Doctorate Award in Cartooning and Environmental Awareness by the World Culture and Environment Protection Commission, New Delhi.

He was honoured at the 9th Sahitya Seva Award Presentation Ceremony held at the Green Lounge, New Delhi, on Apr. 17 by Bollywood Actor Sudesh Berry, who was the chief guest on the occasion.

He was felicitated with a memento, medal and certificate of Hon. Doctorate and also presented the Certificate of Membership of the World Culture and Environment Protection Commission.

Over 100 achievers in various fields were present at the Award Presentation Ceremony.

Rao created 'On the spot sketch' of Sudesh Berry and presented to him for his pleasant surprise.

While addressing the audience, Rao displayed some of his awareness cartoons on environment, women's rights, children's education and also the autographed caricature of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the former President of India.

A unique collage of 35 environmental awareness cartoons banner of 7x4 feet size was also displayed at the venue.

The 82-year-old cartoonist was recognised with this Hon. Doctorate for his outstanding contribution in the field of cartooning and contribution for environmental awareness through his thought-provoking cartoons and other various activities for the past 55 years.

He has conducted solo cartoons exhibitions 55 times at various places of the country. He has won numerous awards at National and International-level cartoon contests. His various creations on environment awareness related works and other achievements have got entry into Limca Book of Records, India Book of Records and various World Records.

A retired Engineer from Bhilai Steel Plant and a Hobby Cartoonist for the past 56 years, Rao was born in Mysuru and studied in Chamundipuram Middle School and Hardwicke High School before shifting to Bengaluru.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 27)

- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 35th Brahmothsava, Ramataraka Homa, Panchamukhi Hanuman, Mantra Homa and Hanumantotsava, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 28)

- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 35th Brahmothsava, Prakarotsava, Nitya Homa, **9 am;** Shanti Homa, Mahapurnahuti, Dhwajavarohana, Pushpayaga, Rashtraashreervada, Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** 8th anniversary of Uttaradi Mutt branch, Discourse 'Sri Dhanvantri Mahime' by Pt. Sri Aniruddha Acharya Pandurangi, Kendra premises, Srirampura, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	9.55 am, 5.55 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	1.30 pm, 5.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.05 am, 11.10 am, 12.55 pm, 2.30 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.10 am, 2.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	4.20 pm, 10.00 pm
Darling (Te)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.05 am, 3.45 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Te)	:	10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	11.15 am, 1.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11.15 am, 4.40 pm
Ludo (K)	:	1.50 pm
Achappa's Album (Ma)	:	2.05 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	4.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	7.20 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	:	7.30 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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